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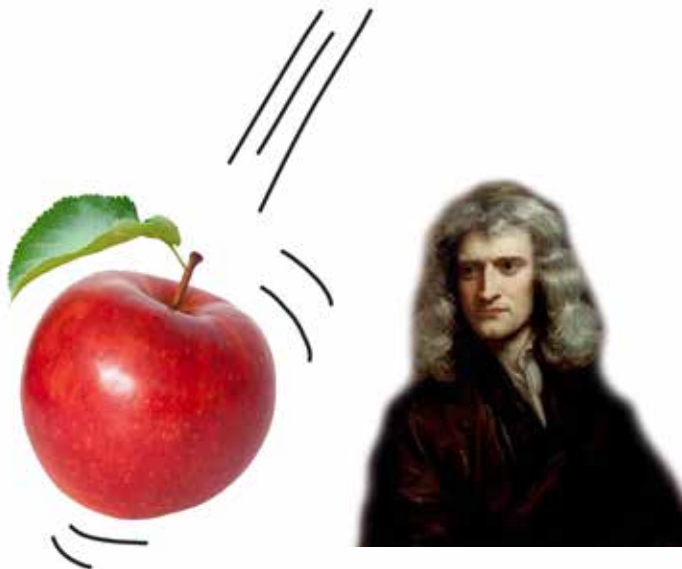
GRAVITY! A FORCE OF NATURE - DAVID RIVES

We've all heard the story: Isaac Newton was sitting under an apple tree, saw an apple fall to the ground, and, Voila! discovered gravity. Of course, the real story is much longer and more complicated than that. But Newton, who was a mathematician, physicist, and Bible-believer, did describe gravity for the first time in 1687. His ideas about gravity were only challenged centuries later by Albert Einstein's theories about relativity.

Even today, scientists still don't fully know what gravity "is". Instead, they define it by how it behaves. Gravity is a force of attraction between any two objects. Anything with mass has gravity. The bigger the mass, the greater the gravitational force. But the farther the distance, the weaker the force. Gravity is what keeps the planets orbiting the sun, causes the tides on earth, and keeps us from flying off our home here on Earth, lost forever in space.

The law of gravity, like the other laws of nature, is only possible because God's Word is true. This doesn't mean you have to believe God's Word is true to believe in gravity. Many people who reject the Bible accept the reality of gravity. But gravity only makes sense in a biblical worldview.

Here's what I mean. In an evolutionary perspective, nature is all there is. Everything is material. But, if that's the case, where do immaterial LAWS of nature come from? How can there be immaterial laws in a solely material universe? And, if this universe is the result of random,



chance processes, why do the laws of nature work the same throughout the universe and throughout time? How do we know they won't change tomorrow? Or work differently in Cleveland than they do in Cheyenne, or behave one way on the Milky Way and another way in the Sombrero galaxy?

The laws of nature only make sense if our Creator designed the universe, including the laws and physics of nature, and upholds everything by His power. So the next time you see an apple fall from a tree, think about Newton, Einstein, and the Lord who allowed those men to study His Creation.

I'm David Rives... Truly the heavens declare the glory of God.



DAVID RIVES

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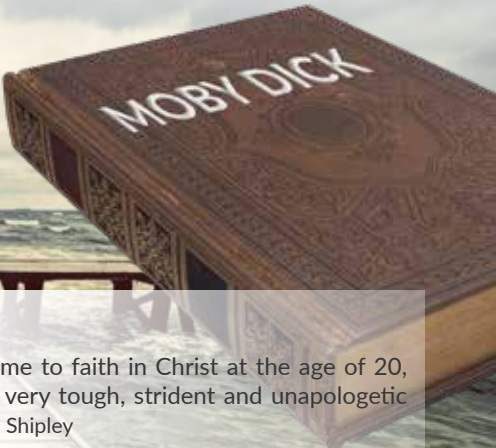
**GENETIC ISOLATION OF SPECIES — OR EVOLUTION
DISPROVEN IN THREE PARAGRAPHS BY TOM SHIPLEY**

The genetic code of living organisms is constituted of ultra-highly-specified coded information. This highly-specified nature of the genetic code of individual species is proven by the fact that virtually ALL genetic mutations are either harmful or lethal to the organism due to the degrading of the genetic information that mutations represent. This ultra-highly-specified nature of the genetic code of living organisms is also manifested by the fact that various species cannot mate with each other and produce offspring. Cats cannot reproduce with dogs. Horses cannot reproduce with giraffes. Rhinoceroses cannot reproduce with hippopotamuses, etc. Most of us who have spent any significant time around domestic cats and dogs have probably witnessed the spectacle of a dog “mating” with a cat at one time or another, yet not one person anywhere in the world can claim to have a brood of cute little cat-dogs or dog-cats scampering around his or her house. (This real-world fact should be the basis of our nomenclature and definition of the word “species.”) Why do we not see this blurring of the lines among living organisms? Why do we only see variations within breedable organisms but never any cross-over?

Random changes in the genetic code are precisely analogous to random changes in the characters of a book or a computer program. (See “*Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*,” by Michael Denton, Chapter 4: “A Partial Truth,” pgs. 79-92). Books, computer programs, and genomes are all information-bearing systems. The mathematical odds against obtaining a

coherent result either in a book, or in a computer program, or in a living organism, by inducing random alterations in the punctuation, sentences, or paragraphs in a book, or the characters in a computer code, or the base pairs or sequences in a genome, are quite literally infinite. The base pairs of the genetic code are not like whores: not any old partner will do! It is not insignificant that very shortly after the nature of the genetic code as a double helix with long sequences of base pairs was determined, some of the first scientists to have doubts about Darwinian evolution based upon this information were mathematicians such as Murray Eden and Marcel Schutzenberger.

Consider, for example, what will happen to the novel “Moby Dick” after random changes are introduced to the letters, punctuation, and paragraphs. Will continuous random changes ultimately transform “Moby Dick” into a historically accurate rendition of “The History of Baseball”? More pointedly, will such random changes ever transform “Moby Dick” into anything coherent at all? No, not in exponential multitudes of hundreds of trillions of years! Yet, this is precisely what evolutionists are asking us to believe in regard to molecules-to-man evolution. And the genetic code is spectacularly more complex than “Moby Dick” (or “The History of Baseball,” for that matter). This whole scenario disproves naturalistic evolution and screams Divine creation.



TOM SHIPLEY

Tom is a former atheist and evolutionist who came to faith in Christ at the age of 20, during his college years. He believes in taking a very tough, strident and unapologetic stance against evolution. - Article Copyright © Tom Shipley



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Can you find all of the words below? Words may be written forwards, backwards, and on diagonals.

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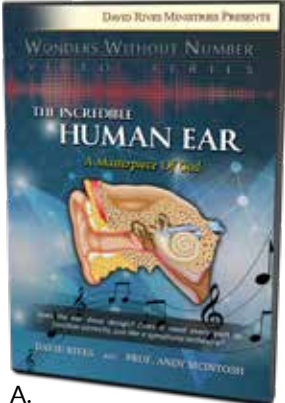
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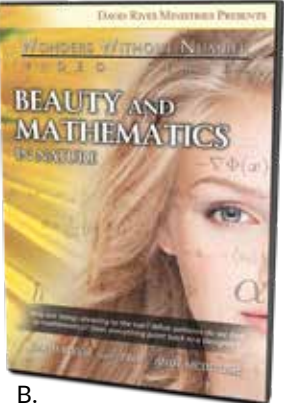
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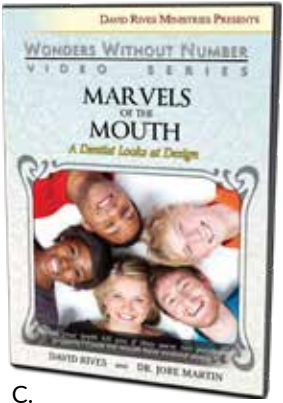
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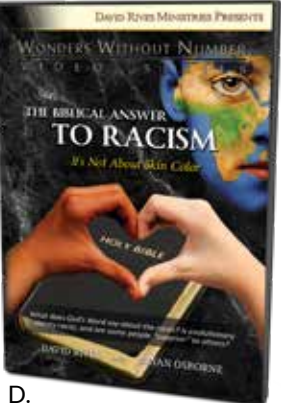
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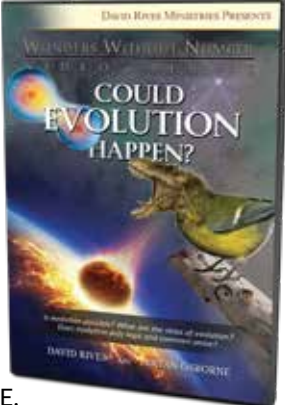
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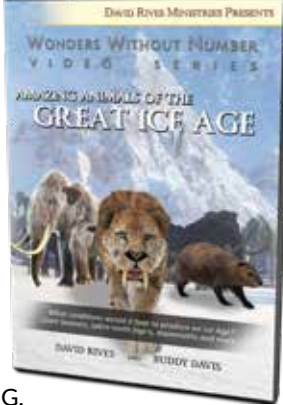
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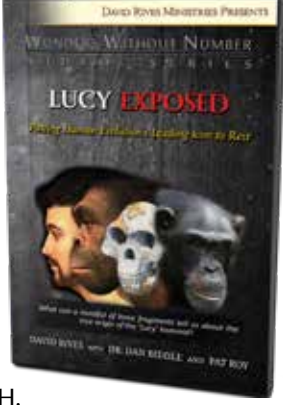
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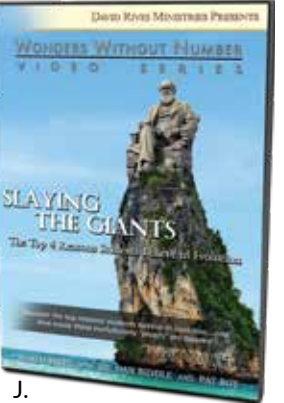
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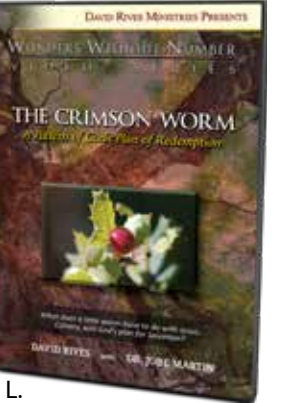
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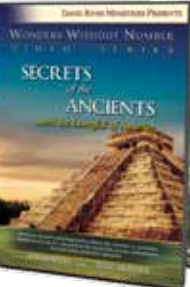
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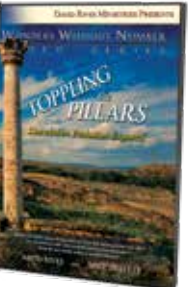
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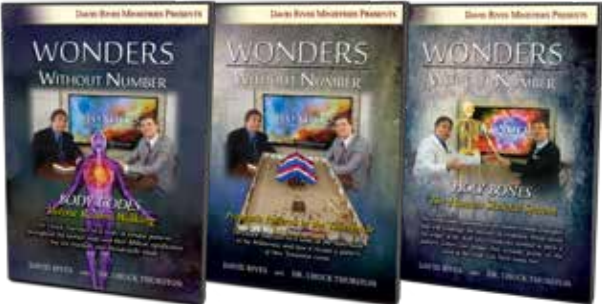
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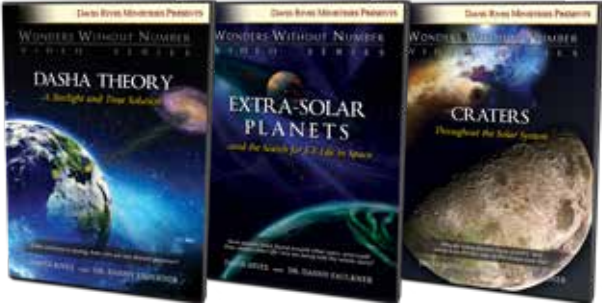
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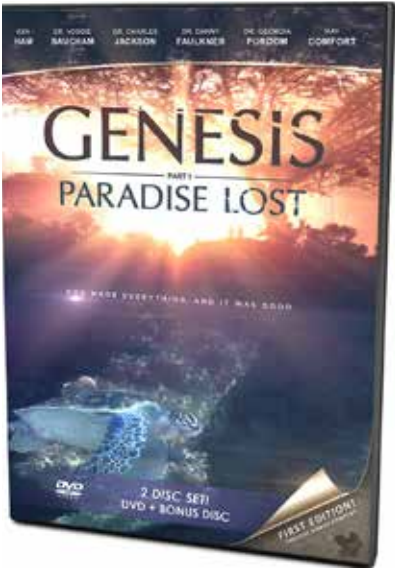
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SCIENCE IN THE NEWS:

NEW LARGEST PRIME NUMBER DISCOVERED

In math, prime numbers are a special type of number that can only be divided by itself or one. For example, 7 and 13 are both prime numbers because you can't divide them into whole numbers. If you try to divide 7 by anything besides 1 or 7, you end up with a fraction or decimal. Since these numbers are so unique, there is no simple formula for calculating every prime number that exists. However, using computers and specially designed software, it is possible to discover "new" extremely large prime numbers. Volunteering for a special project called GIMPS that searches for prime numbers, Jonathan Pace discovered one of these "new" prime numbers on December 26, 2017. Pace has been searching for prime numbers for over 14 years. So what exactly is this new prime number? It's too big to write out the whole number since it's 23,249,425 digits long (for perspective, a billion is only 10 digits long). The new prime number is called "M77232917" because you calculate it by multiplying 2 by itself 77,232,917 times and subtracting one. - Science Daily, January 4, 2018 – Sara J. Mikkelsen

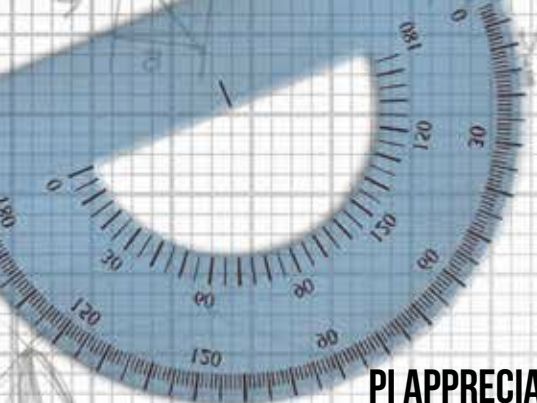


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PI APPRECIATION DAY

Can you imagine what the world would be like without round/curved shapes? Life would be pretty rough in only rectangular/triangular shapes; everything would look like it came out of some weird pixelated computer game.

Moving much of anything would be difficult – the best you could get for wheels would probably look like an octagon or dodecagon (that would make for a bumpy ride) and I have no idea how the joints in our bodies would work.

When we really start thinking about it, we realize that our world revolves around these amazing circular/spherical shapes (quite literally). We usually tend to just take these circular shapes for granted.

A special holiday is coming March 14th, 2018. It is the major holiday of “Pi day” because the mathematical constant of Pi (π), used to calculate many aspects of circular/curved shapes, is 3.14.

“Pi day” is a great opportunity to remember the marvelous way God created our universe with precision, purpose, and beauty from the vast expanses of the universe down to the structure of an atom.

To celebrate “Pi day” I’ve enjoyed making pie, eating pizza, and memorizing Pi to the 27th digit with the help of a song (a circle dance might be fun too). You might just enjoy recognizing how many things in your world have to do with circular shapes and the constant Pi.



One thing that is really remarkable about our universe is that it was specially designed by our Creator to be discovered and explored with math and science.

Exploring and explaining the way our world works is a way of obeying the commandment God gave to fill, subdue, and have dominion over the earth, because He made us in His image, unlike any other creature (see Genesis 1:26-28).

The fact that we can discover laws of math and science to consistently explain the way the world works is a huge testament to the existence of our Creator, God.

Sadly, math is a subject that is often disliked, misunderstood, or rushed through in our modern education system. It’s easy to get so focused on “finding the answer” or “solving the problem” that we completely miss the wonder and beauty that math is conveying about our universe and our Creator.

In a similar way, it can be easy for us as individuals to focus on trying to explain the Bible and “figuring it out” rather than focus on developing a personal relationship with Christ that will guide our understanding of the Scriptures.



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SCIENCE AND THE MIRACLE OF JESUS' BIRTH BY DANIEL CURRIER

The familiarity, I think, makes us a little blind to the radical and bombastic account. The ancient text, "The Gospel According to Matthew", claims that a virgin, named Mary, supernaturally conceived a baby who was to be named Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25). Supposedly, this all happened before she was married to her fiancé: she was "found with child of the Holy Ghost", an elegant excuse for cheating or a premarital union, no doubt. Maybe the claim of "miracle" is just a claim to save face. Maybe, in their scientific ignorance, the ancients were not only gullible, but did not understand human reproduction science.

Most, if not all of us, know the basic science behind conception, human life begins when sperm meets egg. So this naturally raises the question, do such miracles oppose nature's laws? What can science say, and not say about such an event? Is this so-called miracle quite unbelievable? And were those ancient people just plain ignorant? Has not science proved it to be fiction?

The ancients, like most people, were naturally quite skeptical of such miraculous account. No, they did not receive our exact education, technology and science, but they were not necessarily dumb, backward and uneducated either. They knew quite well it took a man-woman relationship to become pregnant. Even the story from the book of Matthew makes this clear. It claims that it took another miracle to convince Joseph, Mary's fiancé, that she did not cheat on him. The miracle of an angel telling him the inside scoop.

So even before our contemporary science, it would have seem quite odd. However, I don't think that a virgin conception would automatically be counter to science. Those who think such things, seem to misunderstand the nature of science. From the technical side, science can't show that it could never happen.

Science only started one time in history, medieval Christian Europe. The Christian worldview and its assumptions helped spawn the field of science. Thus, the "war between science and Christianity" myth should be questioned. For example, they as-

sumed that God was a God of order, thus his creation would also be orderly, so they went searching for the "laws of nature".

Natural laws do not tell us to do good and not be bad, like moral laws. Rather, we encounter these "laws" by observing the usual operation of the world: apples falling from trees systematically go toward the earth. We can assume that some things will be similar or the same tomorrow as they were today and yesterday. Falling apples today point to falling apples tomorrow. This assumption has a fancy name, called "induction".

David Hume, a noted eighteenth century philosopher, pointed out something interesting. Since we really can't know for sure if tomorrow will operate like today, we just put blind faith that it will. Thus induction is based upon blind faith. This is known as "Hume's problem of induction". However, science is dependent on induction. Shockingly, this means that ultimately the conclusions of science require blind faith.

While the assumption of induction seems to have helped us understand the world better, it can't make absolute truth claims. Thus, there really is no "law" that says virgins can't conceive, even if it is improbable. If God exists, it's no longer improbably, rather plausible.

Also, we have to remember that science contains much outlying data, but that does not negate the scientific method. It just shows how much we don't know, and how our models are faulty and not robust enough.

Miracles also don't seem like they would necessarily be incompatible with natural laws. Miracles are miracles because they are not usually seen. Even though a Creator could contradict his own laws of nature, if so desired, that does not have to happen for "miracles". Consider how we can catch an apple falling from a tree, stopping a natural phenomena of an apple falling to the ground. A free agent "interrupted" natural laws, if you will. Science can't explain everything

I would also like to point out, science is not the only way how we understand the operation of the world. Consider mathematics, religion, history,

logic and language. Science is actually grounded in all these fields of study. When we study science with the historical sense, there are certain one time events that can't be repeated. Examples as such can be found in forensic science, archaeology, origin of life research, origin of the universe research and even medical science.

One can't repetitively be observed dying of heart attacks. Once one is dead, one is dead. The same goes for ancient accounts of virgin conception and a dead man's resurrection. The only way we can have some confidence on these things is if we saw it ourselves or it was seen by someone trustworthy.

If God, then the Virgin Conception is possible.

The claim that Jesus was conceived in Mary by Holy Ghost could be swiftly shelved if only we could ax the idea of God's existence. So, does God exist?

We could help answer that by looking at history, theology and even personal experience. But for the time being, let's see what science and reason can illuminate.

The biblical God would be categorized as some sort of "extra-natural" something, if extra-natural things exist. In other words, God would be outside nature or the universe. So do "extra-natural" somethings exist? Most of us would probably have reason to think so.

For example, who doubts the universe came into existence at one time? Most, if not all contemporary scientists think it had a "birthdate" and that it's not eternal.

We also know that things that start to exist have a cause, including pigs, paintings and dreams. Thus we know the universe could not have been caused by "nothing" as in "no thing", that would just be silly. Rabbits don't just pop out of hats magically without a magician. Just as silly would be something that causes its own existence. Rabbits don't create themselves in hats. Thinking too long about either one of these two two silly options will give you a headache.

So, who or what was the cause of the universe? For the time being, let's just call it the "universe maker".

As far as we know, all matter and energy in existence is contained in our universe. There is no good scientific evidence for other universes. If this is true, there is no reason to think that this cause

is made up of physical stuff. Time too is a property of our universe, which would probably make this universe maker not subject to time, or timeless. To add to this point, creators creating creators for infinity seems counterintuitive too, which would point to an ultimate uncaused creator, which I'm suggesting we call the universe maker.

This universe maker must also be quite intelligent, causing such a finely tuned universe to exist. At least one area in the universe is so finely tuned that it can support life, which is quite the challenge. But to be frank, life itself is quite the marvel, it could be called a miracle! Some of our smartest scientists have so far failed to make life in the lab. Life is so complex, requiring all sorts of miniature machinery that were manufactured by other miniature machinery. Immense "blueprints" supply the instructions. The information in these instructions are like the information in our language and our computer code. We also happen to know where such information comes from, it always comes from intelligent beings. This points to an intelligent universe maker.

Let's review, the universe came into existence in the past, did not make itself nor did "no-thing" make it. Thus something caused it to exist. The cause was some sort of "extra-natural" something that was not made up of "universe stuff", such as matter and energy. This also means that it should be timeless, since time is a physical property. Nor could this universe maker have an infinite causes causing causes. Lastly, it must have been quite intelligent.

Strangely enough, this sounds a lot like what theists call "God". So does God exist? Well, either he does or something much like him exists. If a Creator God exists, then it strikes me that there is good possibilities that miracles can and do happen. Which is the bigger miracle?

While some think that Jesus being born of a virgin is believable, science could never prove that it could never happen. In addition, if God exists, and if this God created the universe and all of life, I'm not sure why a virgin conceiving a baby boy is that unbelievable. Rather, it seems quite a small miracle compared to the creation of the entire universe and life. It comes down to this, the claim of this Christmas miracle would probably be forever lost in history if it were not for Jesus' life and teachings, death and resurrection that changes the hearts of people and changed the course of history.



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GENESIS IS BOTH HISTORY AND THEOLOGY BY LINDSAY HAROLD

A number of Christian theologians and apologists who do not accept a young earth view teach that the first part of Genesis is not intended to be real history. One of their common arguments is that Genesis 1 need not be an accurate chronology of creation since the purpose of the passage was to show God as Creator and nature as not divine, but created. Some also claim that Genesis was intended to give the children of Israel a sense of identity and purpose – a view of their place in God's plans.

I totally agree that those are purposes of Genesis 1. However, the Genesis creation account was also intended to give an accurate chronology of what happened at creation. This is the pattern of most of the Old Testament. It gives an accurate historical account of what happened and also teaches the character of God and contains foreshadows of Christ and God's plan for the redemption of mankind. These things go hand in hand throughout the entire Old Testament.



For example, take the story of Jonah. We know that Jonah's three days in the belly of the fish was a foreshadow of Jesus' three days in the tomb. Jesus Himself alluded to this. We also know that God's change of heart toward Nineveh shows us God's mercy when people repent. The entire story of Jonah was really about redemption. It's a picture of Christ and salvation. However, that doesn't mean that Jonah wasn't a real person who spent three days inside a real fish. The history is real, even though the story has many other purposes besides simply chronicling the history.

Another example is the story of Abraham sacrificing Isaac. Again, it's amazing to see the parallels to Christ – the sac-

rifice of an only son, the substitute sacrifice of a ram, even Abraham's statement that God Himself would provide the sacrifice. It's very obviously a picture of Christ's substitutionary atonement.

However, Abraham was a real man who really took his actual son to the top of a mountain to sacrifice him and who really found a ram to sacrifice in his son's place. The history is real, even though it means more than just history.

More importantly, in these and many other cases, the theological meaning of the story is dependent on the historicity of the events it records. If there was no real

Jonah who preached to the city of Nineveh and no real repentance of the people that caused God to show them mercy, then the story doesn't tell us that God is merciful when we repent because it doesn't provide a real example of God actually being merciful. Only if God was really merciful in a real event in history do we have reason to believe this is a true aspect of His character.

Similarly, if Abraham didn't actually go to sacrifice his son and find a real ram to be a substitute – a sacrifice provided by God – then the story doesn't give us theology either. Only if these are real events do we learn something true about God from them. The theology depends upon the historicity.

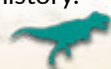
If you undermine the history, you undermine the theology too. I could give many more examples. The history and theology of the Bible go hand in hand. The Bible teaches theology through its account of history. Why should Genesis 1 be any different than the rest of the Old Testament? Identifying another purpose, or even multiple other purposes, for Genesis 1 doesn't mean it wasn't also intended to be real, chronological history. In fact, I would argue that this is an understanding of Genesis that is more straightforward, more in keeping with the genre and language of the Genesis text, and more in keeping with the nature of the rest of the Old Testament. The rest of the Old Testament is dual-purpose – history and theology. It would be quite singular and surprising if Genesis 1 was an exception, meant only to be taken as theology and not as real history.



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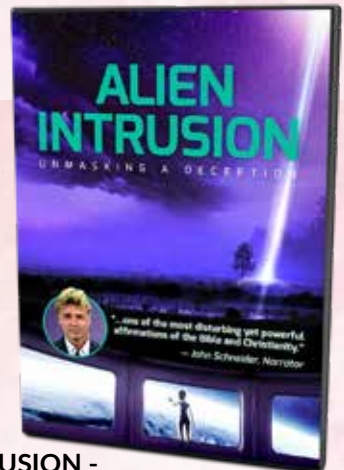
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